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1. Formation of the All-China Federation of Democratic Women (ACFDW) was announced in December 1948 when, following a Communist directive, "Decisions on the Work of Peasant Women in the Liberated Areas," the Preparatory Committee for the Establishment of the ACFDW issued an invitation to an All-China Women's Congress. After the foundations had been laid by the Preparatory Committee, from January to March 1949, the Congress was set for 24 March.*

2. The Standing Committee of the Preparatory Committee at a session in Peiping on 19 March 1949 decided to send delegates to the Assembly for Promoting World Peace in Paris in April 1949. Sixty persons, including TS'AI Ch'ang (蔡暢), the chairman, TENG Ying-ch'ao (鄧穎超), LI Te-ch'u'an (李德全), CHANG Ch'in-chiu (張琴秋), and TSENG Hsien-chih (曾憲植), attended the session of the Standing Committee and heard reports on preparations for the All-China Women's Congress in both Nationalist- and Communist-controlled areas.

3. The All-China Women's Congress met on 24 March in Peiping, with more than four hundred representatives from the Northeast, North China, Northwest, East China and Central Plain Liberated Areas and from Shanghai, Nanking, Canton, Taiwan, Hainan, and other areas still Nationalist controlled. Guests at the first session included 159 women and representatives of the Communist Government and organizations, such as TUNG Pi-wu (董必武) of the Communist Central Committee, CHOU Yang (周頤) of the CCP North China Bureau, YANG Hsiau-feng (楊秀峰), of the North China People's Government, HSU Tzu-chen (許子楨) of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions, HSIU Pang-ting (謝邦定) of the All-China Union of Students, CHIANG Nan-hsiang (蔣南翔) of the China Youth Federation, CHAO Chen-sheng (趙振聲) of the Peiping municipality, SHIH Chen-ming (石振明) and CHU Fu-sheng (朱富勝) representing the farmers, and LI Chi-shen (李濟深), LIU Ya-tzu (柳亞子), SHEN Chun-ju (沈鈞儒), MA Hsü-lun (馬叙倫), and KUO Mo-jo (郭沫若). The session on the first day was devoted to opening announcements by Chairmen TENG Ying-ch'ao and speeches by TS'AI Ch'ang and several of the guests, all

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emphasizing the need for unity of Chinese womanhood in carrying out the revolution to its end and working with international democratic women's groups for world peace. Honorary officers were elected, including, as presidents, Madame SUN Yat-sen, Madame Eugenie Cotton of the World Federation of Democratic Women, and HO Hsiang-ning (何香凝) (Madame LIAO Chung-k'ai).

4. The Presidium of the Congress, consisting of the majority of the members of the Preparatory Committee for Establishment of the ACFDW, met on the following day, with CHANG Ch'in-ch'iu, secretary-general of the Preparatory Committee, as chairman. A Standing Presidium was elected, with TS'AI Ch'ang as president, and seventeen members, including TENG Ying-ch'ao, LI Te-ch'iian, CHANG Ch'in-ch'iu, and HSU Kuang-p'ing (許廣平). The Presidium decided to appoint representatives to present flags to MAO Tee-tung and CHU Te and voted to proceed with publicity to support the World Peace Conference.**
5. The Congress meetings continued until 3 April, with speeches, meetings, and discussion groups devoted to the formulation of a women's program for China. The main points stressed were the utilization of cities as centers for organizing women's work and spreading it into the rural areas; the mission of women to increase production in industry. LIU Ya-hsiung (劉雅欣) of the Committee for Examining Delegates reported that the delegation to the Congress totaled 411, 60 from the Northeast, 124 from North China, 39 from the Northwest, 61 from East China, 33 from the Central Plain, 88 from Shanghai, Nanking, Canton, Taiwan, and Hainan; there were six additional delegates representing special groups, including Mongols and Mohammedans.
6. The concluding days of the Congress were devoted to the establishment of the ACFDW in preliminary draft form and the election of its Executive Committee. Fifty-one members of the Executive Committee were elected and four more were to be chosen when all of China was under Communist control; twenty-one alternate members were chosen, with two vacancies to be filled later. Speeches supporting the suggestions of the leaders were made by representative women from various positions, including KWANG K'o-ching (康克清), acting chairman of the Liberated Areas Child Care Committee; T'ANG Kuei-fen (湯桂芬), Shanghai women's labor leader; CHIANG I (江一), Shanghai leader; HSIEH Hsueh-jung (謝雪貞), Taiwan women's leader; TS'AO Meng-chun (曹孟春), cultural leader; LEI Chieh -ch'iung (雷潔綉), professor; LI Yu-chen (李玉珍), woman company commander in the Communist army; WU Ch'ao-hsiang (吳朝翔), woman political commissar; LIU Hsiang Li-ming (劉香立明), chairman of the Chinese Woman's Temperance Association; FAN Chun (范純), woman student; Sarangowa, Mongolian women's representative; and Hai-t'ao (海鷗), Mohammedan women's representative.
7. The members of the Executive Committee, in order of appointment, are the following:

(1) TS'AI Ch'ang	(4) HO Hsiang-ning
(2) TENG Ying-ch'ao	(5) LU Te-tui (陸德瑞)
(3) LI Te-ch'iian	(6) TING Ling (丁玲)

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(7) HSU Kuang-p'ing	(30) CHIANG I
(8) CHANG Ch'in-ch'iu	(31) WANG Yüch-ts'un (王月村)
(9) HAN Ch'i-min (韓啟民)	(32) CH'IEH Cheng-ying (錢正英)
(10) OU Meng-chüeh (歐夢覺)	(33) FENG Ch'iu-ming (馮秋明)
(11) LI Wen-i (李文宜)	(34) YANG K'o-ping (楊克冰)
(12) WU Lan (烏蘭) *****	(35) YANG Chih-fang (楊芝芳)
(13) K'ANG K'o-ch'ing	(36) CHANG Hsiao-yen (張秀岩)
(14) CH'IEH Shao-min (陳少敏)	(37) CHAO Shih-lan (趙世蘭)
(15) YANG Chih-hua (楊芝華)	(38) CHANG Hsiac-meii (張曉梅)
(16) HSIEH Hsüeh-hung	(39) LO Ch'iung (羅瓊)
(17) LIU Ya-hsiung	(40) T'IEH Hsü-chüan (田秀娟)
(18) CH'EN Po-erh (陳波兒)	(41) CHAO Feng (趙峰)
(19) SHUAI Meng-ch'i (帥孟奇)	(42) LI Chen (李貞)
(20) SHEN Tzu-chiu (沈茲九)	(43) SHEN Yuan-shih (沈元施)
(21) CHANG Chin-pao (張金保)	(44) TENG K'ang (鄧康)
(22) TS'AO Meng-chün	(45) CHANG Yun (章蘊)
(23) LIU WANG Li-ming	(46) YANG Yun-yü (楊蘊玉)
(24) HU Tzu-ying (胡子嬰)	(47) LI Chien-chen (李堅貞)
(25) LO Shu-chang (羅淑章)	(48) CHANG Tzu-fang (張子芳)
(26) LI P'ei-chih (李培之)	(49) CH'I Yuan-te (戚元德)
(27) YANG Kang (楊剛)	(50) LI Po-ying (李伯瀛)
(28) LEI Chieh-chiung	(51) CH'IU I-han (邱一涵)
(29) LI Feng-lien (李鳳蓮)	

8. Alternates to the Executive Committee are:

(1) LIU Ch'ing-yang (劉清揚)	(5) HU Mai-ch'iu (胡耐秋)
(2) TENG Chih (曾志)	(6) KUNG Pu-sheng (龔普生)
(3) LI Hsiu-chen (李秀珍)	(7) TU Chun-hui (杜君慧)
(4) SUN Wen-tee (孫文澤)	(8) WEE Kung-chih (危拱之)

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(9) LIU Hu-ch'eng (劉虎成)	(16) PAI Ch'ien (白 勤)
(10) TSENG Hsien-chih (曾憲植)	(17) CHANG Ch'iu-lin (張秋林)
(11) CHANG Man-yün (張曼筠)	(18) SUN I-chin (孫以璉)
(12) HUANG Wei (黃 菲)	(19) SHEN Chih-hui (沈之暉)
(13) LI Pao-kuang (李寶光)	(20) LI Yu-chen
(14) WEI Hsiao-ying (魏秀英)	(21) LU Ying (盧 英)
(15) LI Lan-ting (李藍丁)	

9. Shortly after the Congress, the Executive Committee met in Peiping on 14 April and elected the officers of the All-China Federation of Democratic Women. They also chose a Standing Committee of seventeen members and chiefs and deputy chiefs for various departments. HO Hsiang-ning was chosen honorary chairman of the ACFDW, and her place on the Executive Committee was filled by LIU Ch'ing-yan, the first alternate. One of the four vacant seats was voted to LIAO Meng-hsing (廖夢醒), thus raising the number of committee members to fifty-two.**** The officials of the ACFDW are the following:****

Honorary Chairman: HO Hsiang-ning

Chairman: TS'AI Ch'ang

Vice-chairmen: TENG Ying-ch'ao, LI Te-ch'i'an, HSU Kuang-p'ing

Secretary-general: OU Meng-chieh; assistant, TSENG Hsien-chih

Departments:

Organization: Chief, SHUAI Meng-ch'i; deputy T'IEN Hsiao-chuan

Publicity: Chief, SHEN Tzu-chiu; deputy, LO Ch'iung

Productive Enterprises: Chief, CHANG Ch'in-ch'iu
Deputies, LO Shu-chang, CHAO Feng

Women's and Children's Welfare: Chief K'ANG K'o-ch'ing
Deputy, SHEN Yuan-shih

Work in Kuomintang Controlled Areas: Chief, TS'AO Meng-chün
Deputy, LI Wen-i

International Work: Chief, YANG Chih-hua
Deputies, LU Ts'ui, LIAO Meng-hsing

Standing Committee:	TS'AI Ch'ang	TENG Yin-ch'ao
	LI Te-ch'i'an	LEI Chieh-ch'iung
	HSU Kuang-p'ing	CHANG Ch'in-ch'iu
	OU Meng-chieh	CHANG Hsiao-yen
	K'ANG K'o-ch'ing	LO Ch'iung
	YANG Chih-hua	TENG K'ang
	SHUAI Meng-ch'i	SHEN Tzu-chiu
	TS'AO Meng-chün	LIU WANG Li-ming
	LI Wen-i	

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10. The ACFDW appointed two delegates to the French Women's Congress held in Paris in June 1949. These were LIU Ts'ui, who in addition to her position in the ACFDW is also a member of the board of directors of WFDW attached to its headquarters in Paris, and T'ANG Liang (唐亮), woman leader of the All China New Democratic Youth Corps, who is also a member of the board of directors of the International Union of Students and working for it abroad.
11. Meetings of the Standing Committee were held throughout the spring and summer of 1949. These were devoted principally to cooperation with the Executive Committee on preparations and invitations for the Conference of Asiatic Women, which it was determined to hold in Peiping in December 1949. Through the two committees, propaganda programs introducing the Conference and explaining its significance in Communist as well as women's work were arranged throughout China. The ACFDW also sent fifteen delegates to the Political Consultative Council in Peiping in September 1949, including: TS'AI Ch'ang, TENG Ying-ch'ao, SHUAI Meng-ch'i, CHANG Ch'in-ch'iu, LIU Ya-hsiung, CHANG Hsiu-yen, LI P'ai-chih, CHANG Chin-pao, SHEN Tzu-chiu, LIU Ch'ing-yang, LO Ch'iung, LU Ts'ui, CH'EN Po-erh, HUANG Ching-wen (黃靜文), and TU Chün-hui, and two alternates, KUNG P'u-sheng and CHAI Shu-chen (翟淑珍).
12. Women's organizations were formed throughout China as part of the ACFDW program. These include the following:
 - a. Democratic Women's Federation of Shanghai was formed on 26 June 1949, with the establishment of a Preparatory Committee of 87 members, headed by SHIH Liang (史良), CHANG Yun, T'ANG Kuei-fen, and KO Yang (戈揚). The formation of this group was sponsored by TENG Ying-ch'ao and HSÜ Kuang-p'ing of the ACFDW and Mayor CHEN I of Shanghai.
 - b. A Preparatory Committee was established in Nanking on 15 June 1949, with seventeen members, including CH'EN Hsiu-liang (陳修良) and P'EI I-yin (沛馱因). CH'EN was chosen 21 November 1949 as the Nanking delegate to the Asiatic Women's Conference.
 - c. A Preparatory Committee was organized among the women of Hankow and Wuchang for the Wu-Han Democratic Women's Federation. Leaders of the Committee named on 3 July 1949 were CH'I Yüan-te and HSIA Chih-hsu (夏之秋); CH'I became the local delegate to the Asiatic Women's Conference.
 - d. In Tientsin, women's organization was not undertaken intensively until November, although a Preparatory Committee had been formed six months earlier. The Democratic Women's Federation of Tientsin was formally established on 6 November.
 - e. Kiangsi Province sent PAO Hsiu-ying (包秀英) as its delegate to the Asiatic Women's Conference. PAO is secretary of the Woman's Committee of the province and a member of the Provincial Committee.
13. The Chinese participation in the International Preparatory Committee for the Asiatic Women's Conference was large, since the Conference was held in Peiping in December 1949 and the ACFDW was the host organization. TS'AI Ch'ang acted as chairman of the committee and CHANG Yao (張鴻) as its general secretary. CHANG Ch'in-ch'iu served as chairman of the compilation and examination committee and LI Te-ch'uan as chairman of the exhibition committee.

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Comment. For the proceedings of the preliminary meetings, see [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. The activities of the Congress were given extensive publicity in radio broadcasts and news stories. It was apparent from these accounts that all the proceedings of the Congress were carefully arranged in advance by a few Communist leaders who presented their orders to the group in the form of speeches or accounts, which were discussed by the conference and then adopted without alteration. The meeting of the Presidium took precedence over normal sessions of the conference so that the Presidium, which was the real controlling agency, could nominate the delegates to the World Peace Conference (WPC) and present its program without interference. For a discussion of the Chinese delegation to the WPC, [redacted] 25X1A

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[redacted] Comment. The leaders of the Preparatory Committee [redacted] became the leaders of the ACFDW Executive Committee, except for a few who had already been assigned to important positions in other activities, such as the youth groups. For personal data on these leaders, see Attachment A.

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[redacted] Comment. According to an observer of the conference, LIAO Meng-hsing is actually a replacement for HO Hsiang-ning, her mother, who is nearly seventy and is not interested in doing actual executive work. Since an open substitution was considered bad policy, particularly in that it would cause bad feeling among alternate members of the Executive Committee, HO Hsiang-ning was promoted to an honorary position, the first alternate, LIU Ch'ing-yang, was moved up into the regular committee, and one of the vacancies was given to LIAO to make the family happy.

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[redacted] Comment. The regulation of the All-China Federation of Democratic Women was passed at the first All-China Women's Congress on 1 April 1949.

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